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MODULAR SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR USING SAMPLE PROCESSING DEVICES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Sample processing systems and methods of using those systems for processing sample materials located in devices that are separate from the system are disclosed. The sample processing systems include a rotating base plate on which the sample processing devices are located during operation of the systems. The systems also include connection apparatus that allow for rapid and easy removal and/or replacement of base plates.

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